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LONG AGO--ANOTHER LIFETIME AGO--I MADE A PROMISE TO MY BELOVED WIFE, TANG SHEN.

<TAKE OUR SONS...OUR BABIES...KEEP THEM SAFE.>*

I WOULD PROTECT OUR FOUR PRECIOUS CHILDREN.

*Translated from Japanese.

BUT IN YOMI-NO-KUNI, THE LAND OF THE DEAD, THE LEAVES OF A MYSTIC TREE SHOWED ME THEIR FUTURES.

EACH OF THEM WAS FATED TO DIE A HORRIBLE DEATH.

YOUR ENEMIES WILL DESTROY YOUR FAMILY!

YOUR WRETCHEDNESS WILL BE EXPOSED!

I UNDERSTAND THAT THESE VOICES IN MY HEAD HAVE BEEN AMPLIFIED BY WITCHCRAFT. BUT STILL, THEY SPEAK THE TRUTH.

I HAVE FAILED MY SONS.

NO... NOOO!

YOUR SONS WILL COME TO HATE YOU!

THEY WILL CURSE YOUR NAME AS THEY DIE!



THE EMPIRE
STATE BUILDING
OBSERVATION
DECK.

FATHER!

HANG TIGHT,
FATHER! WE'LL
HAVE YOU FREE
BEFORE YOU
KNOW IT!

HNN?

ARE WE SURE
THAT'S A GOOD
IDEA? I MEAN,
HE DID JUST
HYPNOTIZE US
ALL!
MAYBE WE
SHOULD TRY TO
SAVE HIM WITHOUT
UNTYING HIM?

UM, GUYS?
WHAT THE
HECK IS THAT
GLOWING HOLE
THING?!

MY
SONS!

DONNIE, HE'S
OUR FATHER!
GO UNTIE HIM!
MIKEY, GIVE HIM
COVER!

AW, IS GIVING
COVER ALL I'M
GOOD FOR?

AND
RAPH--

THE
WITCH IS
MINE!



OKAY, SURE.
YOU TAKE
SHINIGAMI--

--AND
I'LL TAKE
KARAI!



I'M GONNA
NEED YOU TO
LET SPLINTER
GO!

KLANG

HMPH. YOU
THINK I'VE
FORGOTTEN
THAT WHEN WE
LAST MET...



...HE TRIED
TO SLIT MY
THROAT?!

SWOK



MY SON'S FATE...



...IS ABOUT TO
BE FULFILLED
BEFORE MY
VERY EYES!

I BEG OF YOU,
LEONARDO! STAY
AWAY FROM HER!

SHE'LL
MURDER
YOU!



NO
DISRESPECT,
FATHER, BUT
YOU GOTTA
CHILL!

KR000M

HA HA!
EVER SINCE YOU
TURTLES ARRIVED,
THE OLD RAT'S
FEAR HAS ONLY
GROWN--

--AS HAS
THE PORTAL!
WHO KNEW YOU
COULD BE SO
HELPFUL?

AIN'T
NOBODY
ACCUSES ME
OF BEIN'
HELPFUL!

MRRRM.
PERHAPS ONE OF
MY HYPNO STONES
CAN CHANGE
THAT?

NOPE! I
AIN'T GOT A
HELPFUL BONE
IN MY BODY!

SHWAK

Hllssssss!

MY SONS!
YOUR LIVES
ARE IN DANGER!
LEAVE
NOW!

MIKEY! YOU'RE
SUPPOSED TO
BE GIVING ME
COVER!

BRO! WHAT
DO YOU THINK
I'M TRYING
TO DO?



HEY,
DONNIE...YOU
HEAR THAT? FROM
THE OTHER SIDE OF
THE PORTAL...THAT
VOICE...I SWEAR
IT SOUNDS LIKE...

MIKEY!
LOOK
OUT!

WHUMP

WHOOAA!

NOOO!
MICHELANGELOOO!



OW!

OW!

OW!



DuUude.

WHERE AM I?



GAH!

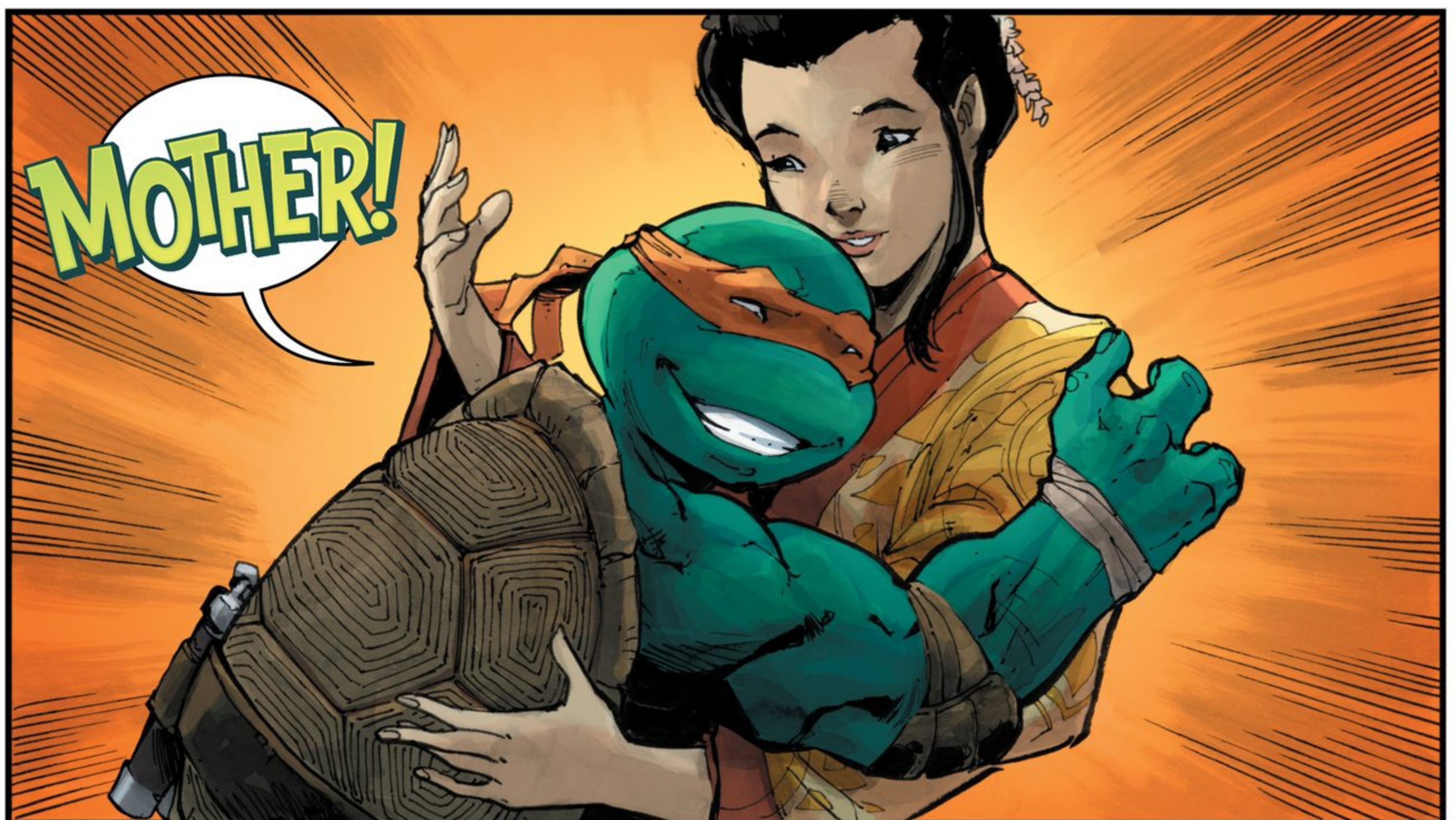
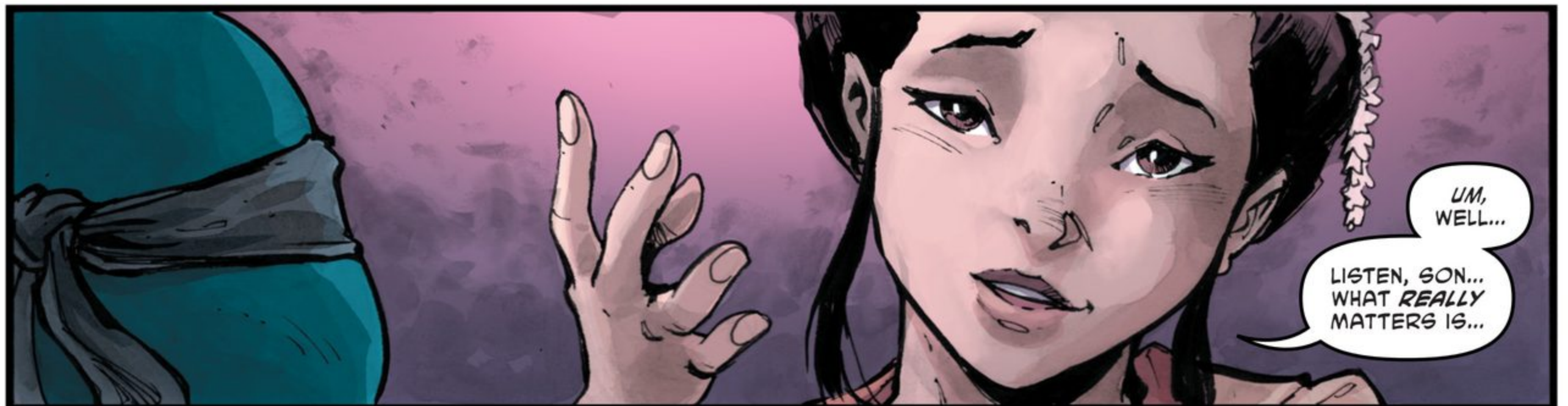
COME OUT HERE AND FACE ME LIKE A...A WHATEVER YOU ARE, YOU CREEP!



HELLO, MY SON. WELCOME TO YOMI-NO-KUNI.



...MOTHER?





MY SON!
WHAT HAVE
YOU DONE TO
MY SON?

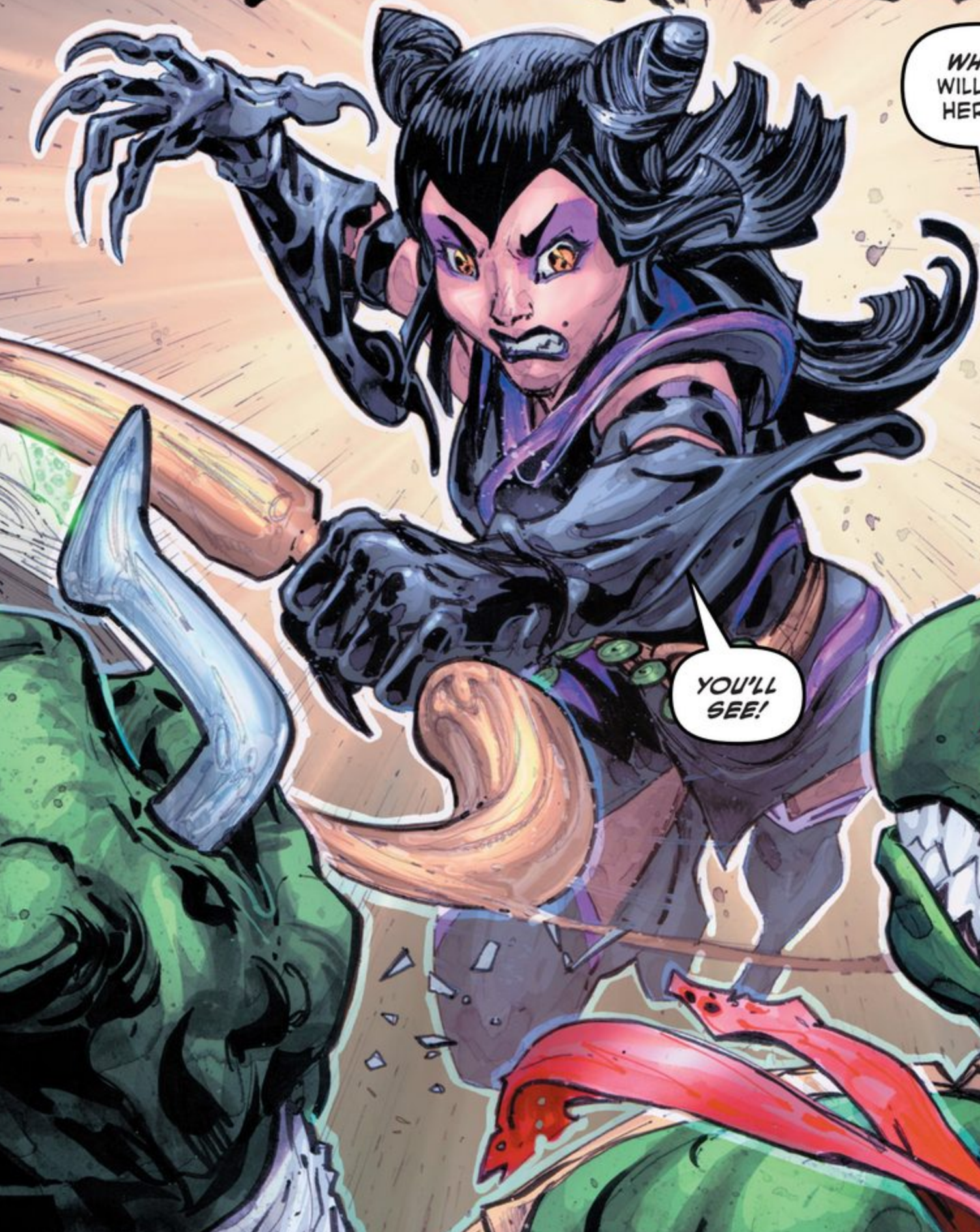


WHAT IS THAT
GLOWING CIRCLE,
KARAI--SOME
KIND OF *PORTAL*?
WHAT HAPPENED TO
MICHELANGELO?
ANSWER ME
NOW!

YOU'RE IN
NO POSITION
TO BE MAKING
SUCH DEMANDS,
TURTLE!



HA HA!
YOUR FATHER'S
FEAR IS ACTING
LIKE A HOMING
BEACON! IT WILL
BE HERE *ANY*
SECOND NOW!

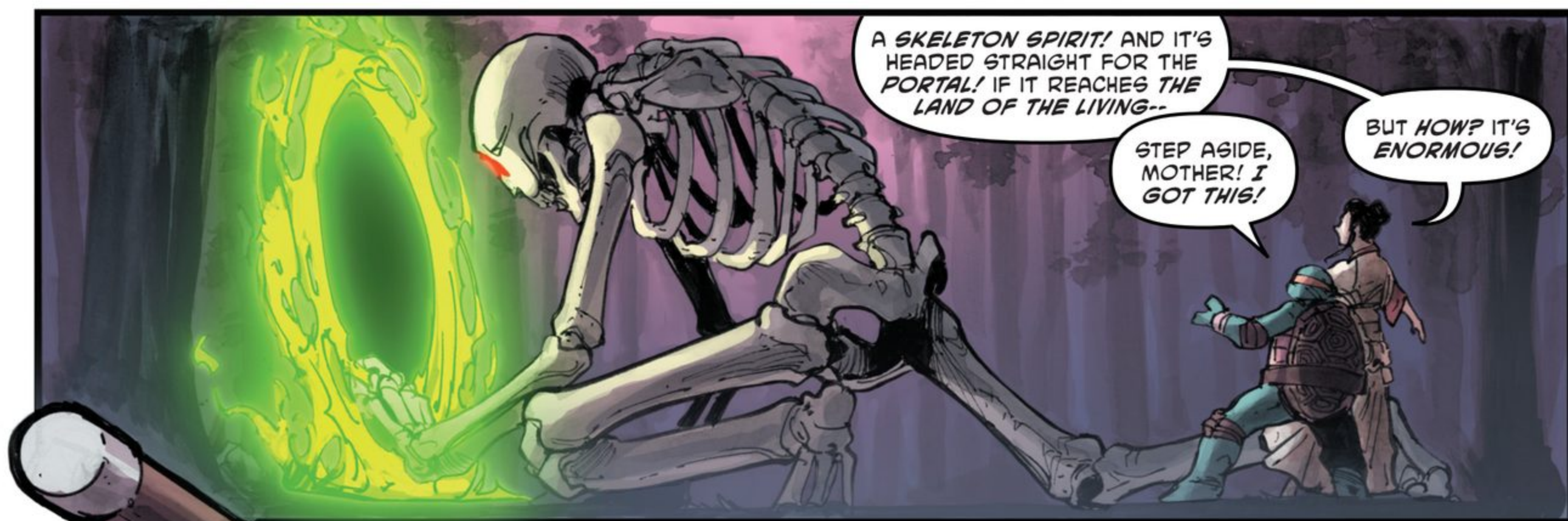


WHAT
WILL BE
HERE?

YOU'LL
SEE!







A SKELETON SPIRIT! AND IT'S HEADED STRAIGHT FOR THE PORTAL! IF IT REACHES THE LAND OF THE LIVING--

STEP ASIDE, MOTHER! I GOT THIS!

BUT HOW? IT'S ENORMOUS!



HOW? PSH! IT'S LEO'S JOB TO FIGURE OUT HOW! OR MAYBE DONNIE'S!

IT'S MY JOB TO GET IT DONE!

WAP

SIGH! <DEFINITELY NOT THE SMARTEST.>



PLUS, IT DOESN'T SEEM INTERESTED IN US AT ALL.



GACHI!

GACHI!

GACHI!

HA HA!
HERE IT COMES,
KARAI--THE
GASHADOKURO!

GUYS...
YOU SEEING
THIS?

INCREDIBLE!

YEAH, I'M
SEEIN' IT! BUT
I'M HAVIN' A
HARD TIME
BELIEVIN' IT!

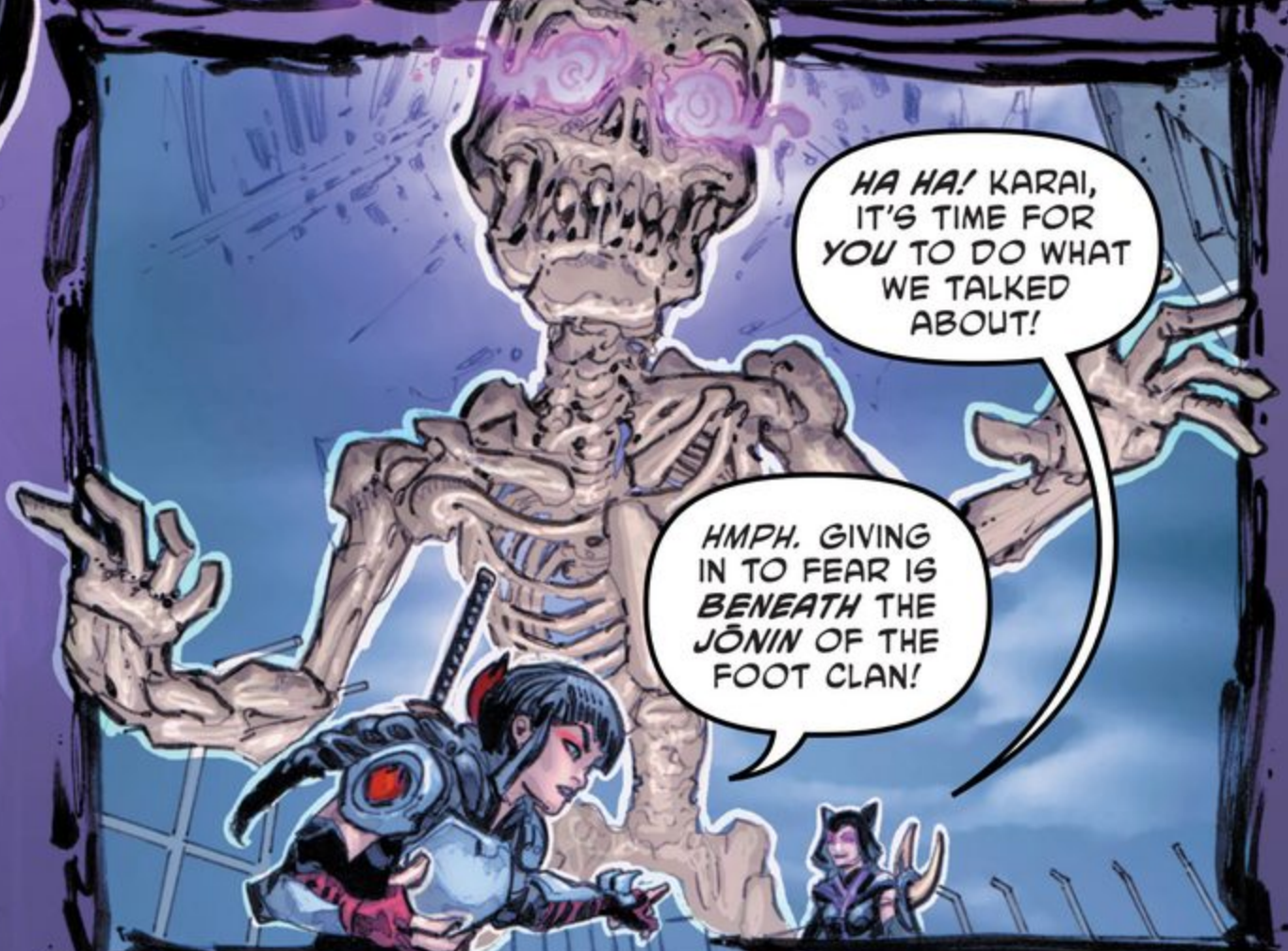


THAT'S IT,
SKELETON
SPIRIT--



--COME
UNDER MY
SPELL!

PAFF



HA HA! KARAI,
IT'S TIME FOR
YOU TO DO WHAT
WE TALKED
ABOUT!

HMPH. GIVING
IN TO FEAR IS
BENEATH THE
JONIN OF THE
FOOT CLAN!



COME NOW, OLD FRIEND!
HOW LONG HAS YOUR SOUL
BEEN *TORMENTED* BY THAT
DRAGON SPIRIT?

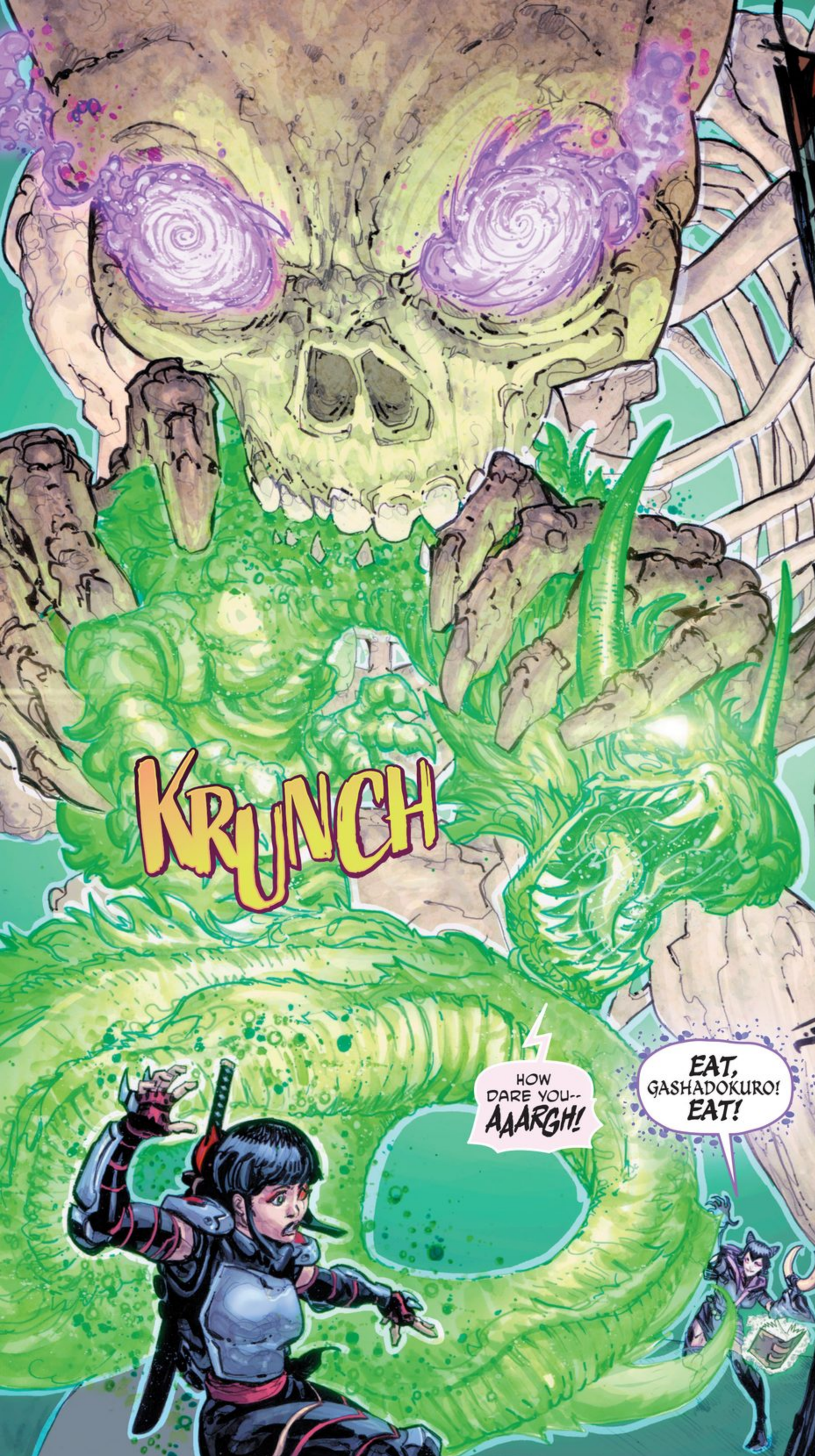
THE GASHADOKURO
FEEDS ON *FEAR*! HOW
CAN I HELP YOU IF YOU
WON'T ADMIT TO WHAT
MAKES YOU *AFRAID*?

...
FINE. I AM
FEARFUL...



...OF THE
TRAVELER.

WHAT--
WHAT IS THE
MEANING
OF THIS?



GNN! IT'S WORKING! I CAN FEEL...THE TRAVELER'S GRIP... WEAKENING!

RUN, MY SONS! RUN AWAY! SAVE YOURSELVES BEFORE I LOSE ANOTHER ONE OF YOU!

NOT WITHOUT YOU, FATHER!

EAT, GASHADOKURO! EAT!

HOW DARE YOU-- AAARGH!

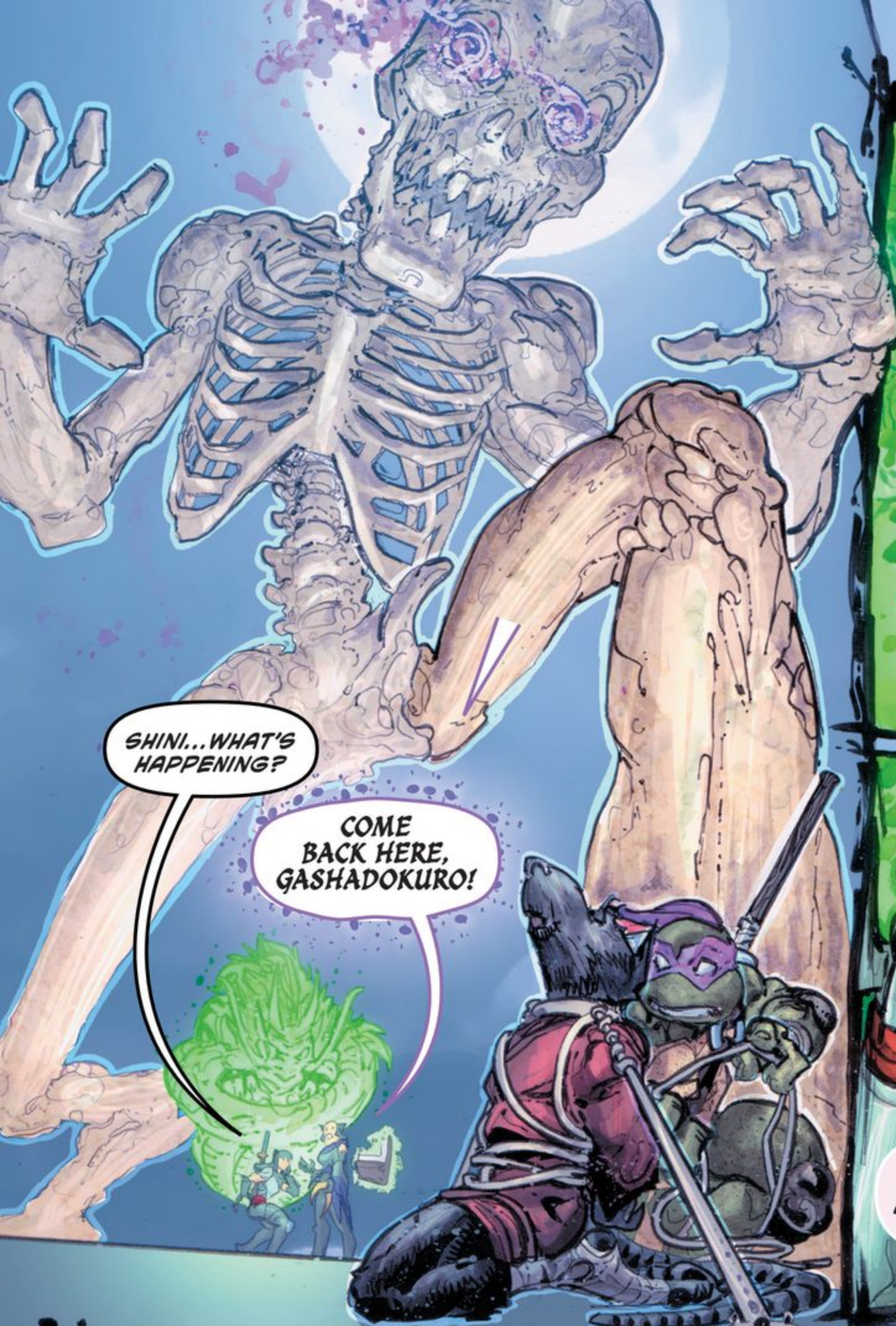
FOOLS! HOW COULD I HAVE SIRED SUCH FOOLS?! WHY WON'T YOU OBEY?!

EASY, FATHER! IT'S GONNA BE OKAY!

WHAT?! NO, GASHADOKURO!

DON'T GET DISTRACTED BY THAT OLD RAT!

WHY WON'T YOU STAY SAFE?



SHINI... WHAT'S HAPPENING?

COME BACK HERE, GASHADOKURO!



WHAT DID I TELL YOU, KARAI?

NO...



YOUR SOUL WILL BE FOREVER MINE!

NoOo!



COME BACK HERE! I COMMAND YOU!



PLEASE, FATHER! WE HAVE TO GO!

NOT YET.

THIS SPIRIT... THIS MONSTER.

IT HUNGERS.



SO THAT GIANT SKELETON THING EATS *FEAR*, HUH? I BET IT'S MAKING A *BEELINE* FOR FATHER.

JUST BEFORE I GOT HERE, HE WAS *FREAKIN' OUT*!



WHAT IS, UM... "*FREAKIN' OUT*"?

OH, Y'KNOW--LIKE, *SCREAMING* HIS HEAD OFF AND ACTING ALL *CRAZY*!

I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM SO *SCARED* IN MY LIFE!



YOUR FATHER REALLY *HAS* LOST A PART OF HIMSELF. EVERY CROSSING *WEAKENS* THE VEIL, BUT I DON'T THINK I HAVE A *CHOICE*. I MUST GO *SAVE* HIM.



BACK TO THE *LAND OF THE LIVING*? HECK YEAH! LEO, DONNIE AND RAPH ARE GONNA *FREAK OUT*, BUT IN A GOOD WAY!



SHADOW SPIRITS!

IF ONLY THOSE *CREEPS* WEREN'T IN THE WAY!

HUUUUUU!

HUUUUUU!

HUUUUUU!



THEY MUST'VE BEEN
ATTRACTED BY THE
GASHADOKURO'S
SHADOW!

GO,
MOTHER!

THWAP

RUN FOR
THE PORTAL!
I'LL HOLD
'EM OFF!

HUUUUUU

GIVING COVER IS,
LIKE, A TALENT
OF MINE! GO!

HUUUUUU

HUUUUUU

THERE'S *SOMEONE* I
NEED TO BRING WITH
ME! I'LL BE *RIGHT*
BACK!

UH, MOTHER?
THE PORTAL'S
THAT WAY?!



COME ON, SPELL BOOK! SHOW ME AN ANTI-DISTRACTION SPELL! A COMPUSSION SPELL! ANYTHING!

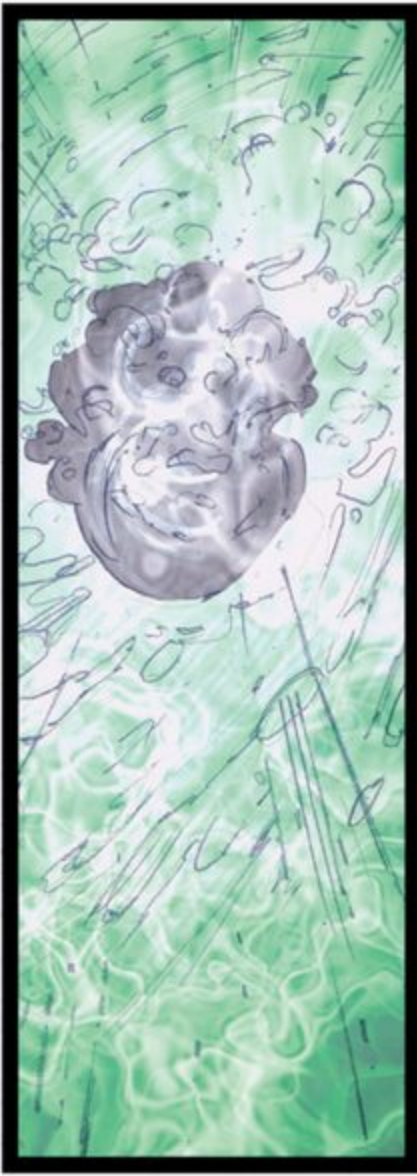
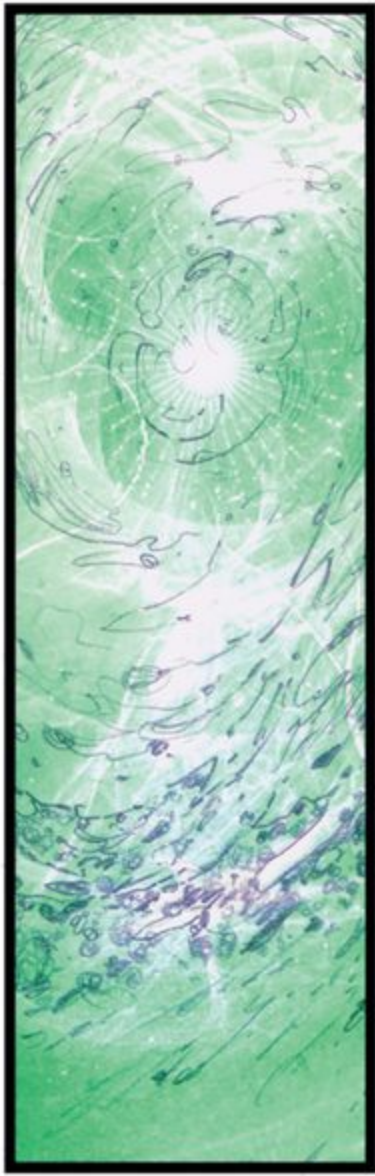
FATHER! LET'S GO!

OOPS! I AIN'T INTERRUPTIN', AM I?!

UFF!



SHUT!





THE PORTAL
TURNED INTO--

A
DOOR
KNOCKER?

CLATTER
CLATTER

TELL ME WHAT
HAPPENED TO
MY BROTHER,
SHINIGAMI!

THAT PORTAL LED
TO YOMI-NO-KUNI, THE
LAND OF THE DEAD!
WHEN YOU IMBECILES
CLOSED IT...

...YOU
TRAPPED
HIM THERE
FOREVER!

IT'S ALL COMING
TO PASS! THE
NIGHTMARE I'VE
WORKED SO HARD
TO PREVENT IS
COMING TO PASS!

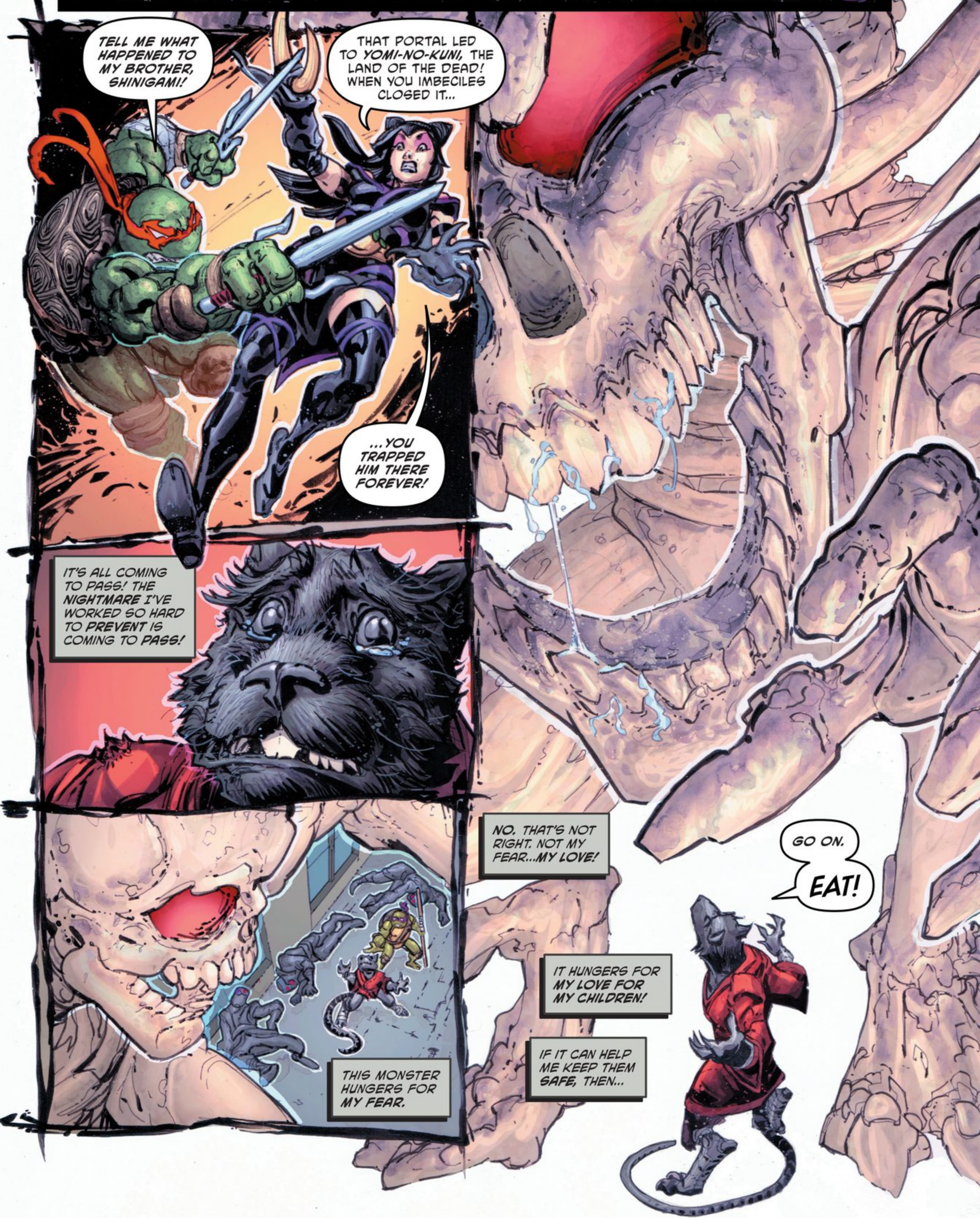
NO. THAT'S NOT
RIGHT. NOT MY
FEAR...MY LOVE!

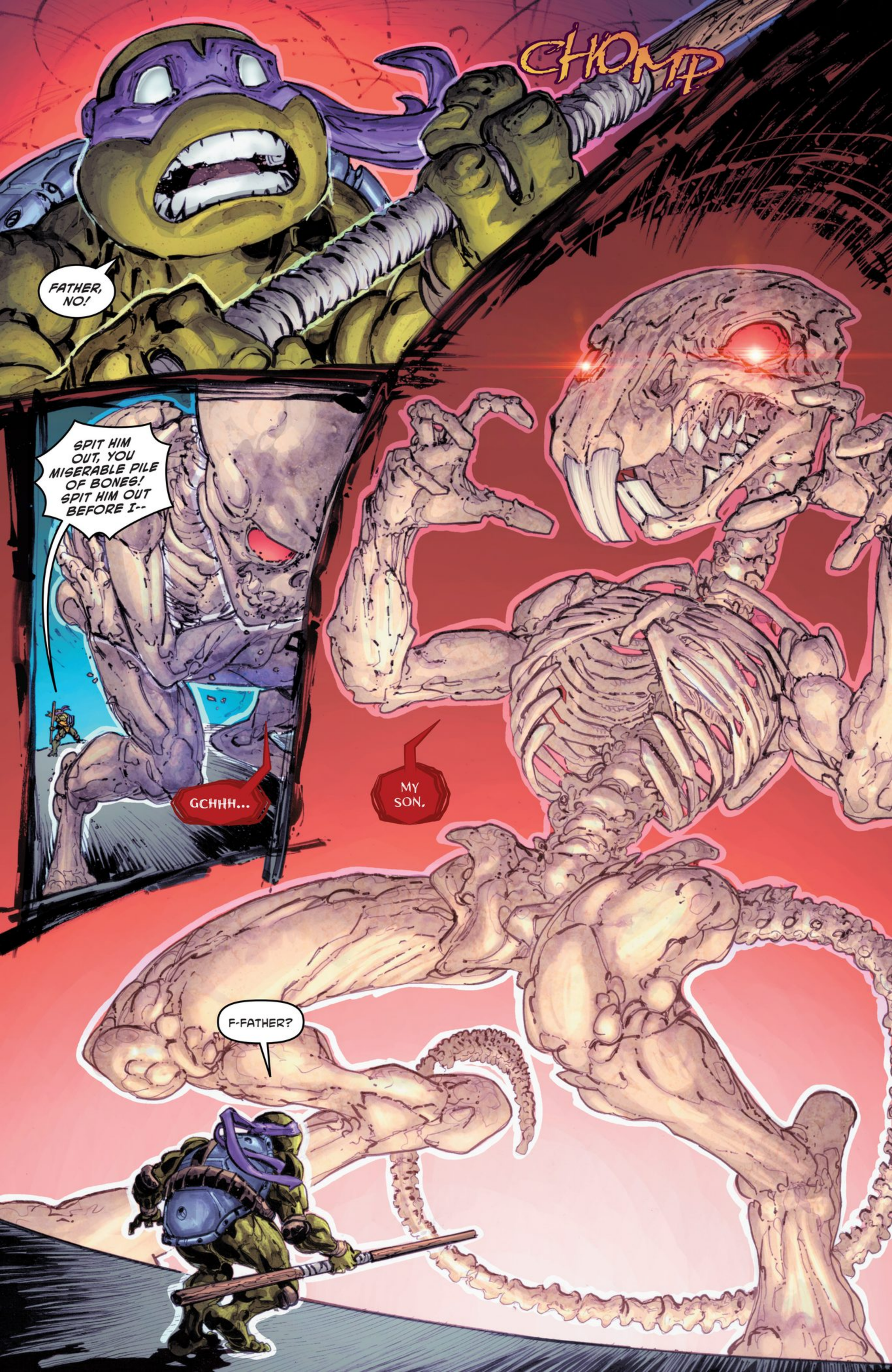
GO ON.
EAT!

IT HUNGERS FOR
MY LOVE FOR
MY CHILDREN!

IF IT CAN HELP
ME KEEP THEM
SAFE, THEN...

THIS MONSTER
HUNGERS FOR
MY FEAR.





CHOMP

FATHER,
NO!

SPIT HIM
OUT, YOU
MISERABLE PILE
OF BONES!
SPIT HIM OUT
BEFORE I--

GCHHH...

MY
SON,

F-FATHER?



AAAH!

WHY ARE YOU RUNNING, YOU FOOL?



HOW DO YOU NOT UNDERSTAND? I'M NOT GOING TO HURT YOU!



I NOW HAVE THE POWER TO KEEP YOU SAFE!

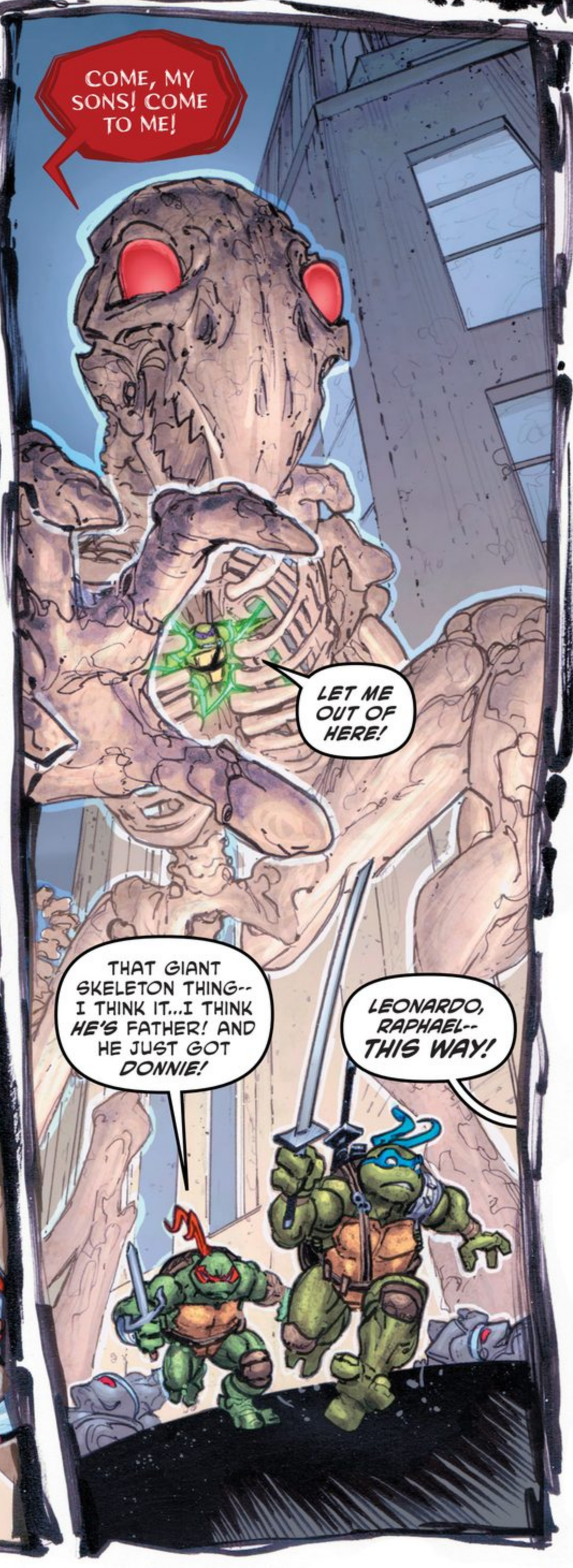


KLANK

HEY!

NO! NO! NO! THIS ISN'T HOW IT'S SUPPOSED TO GO!

FIX IT, SHINI! FIX IT NOW!

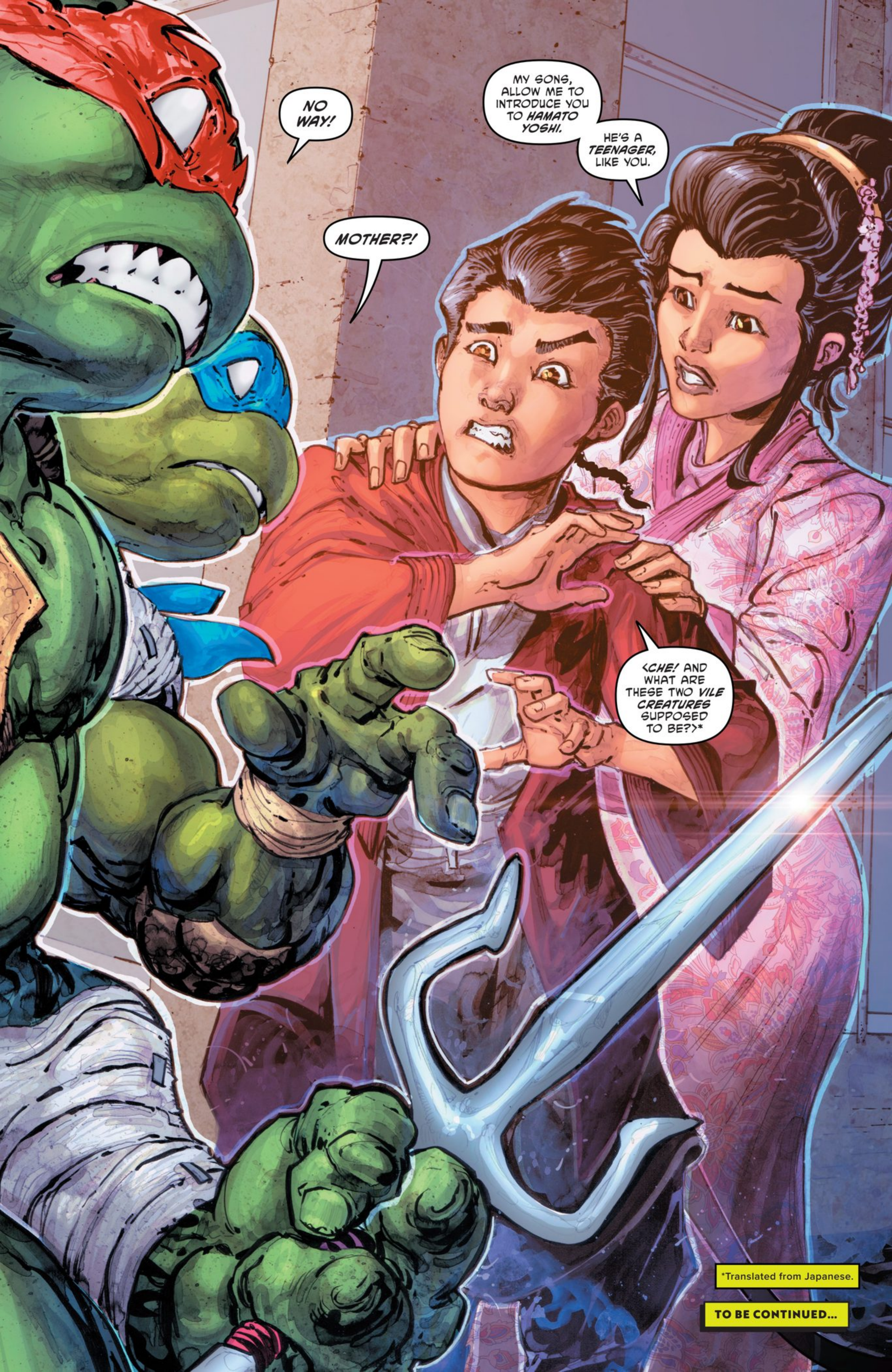


COME, MY SONS! COME TO ME!

LET ME OUT OF HERE!

THAT GIANT SKELETON THING-- I THINK IT...I THINK HE'S FATHER! AND HE JUST GOT DONNIE!

LEONARDO, RAPHAEL-- THIS WAY!



NO WAY!

MY SONS,
ALLOW ME TO
INTRODUCE YOU
TO HAMATO
YOSHI.

HE'S A
TEENAGER,
LIKE YOU.

MOTHER?!

<CHE! AND
WHAT ARE
THESE TWO VILE
CREATURES
SUPPOSED
TO BE?>*

*Translated from Japanese.

TO BE CONTINUED...

NINJA NOTES

TEENAGE NON-MUTANT NINJA...SPLINTER?!

It's not as fun to sing as the Turtle version, we know. So, to recap, Splinter has been eaten and absorbed by the monstrous **GASHADOKURO**, who's now looking to give the Turtles what can't be a very comfortable skeleton hug. But there's also this mysterious teen boy by the name of Hamato Yoshi? Is he also Master Splinter? Gene! Freddie! What's going on?!

The Ujigami arc comes to an explosive conclusion in the next issue, but for anyone who can't wait for more TMNT, this month also sees the epic conclusion of *CASEY JONES* #6 (will he finally foil that ferocious feline, Ludovic?), the start of an all-new arc in *SHREDDER* #7 (if you've longed to see Shredder go up against techno-body-horror madness, long no longer!), and more all-ages action in *SATURDAY MORNING ADVENTURES* #36 and *TALES OF THE TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES* #5! You read those, we'll read some fan mail...

Hi Ninja Notes! I've been a Turtles fan for as long as I can remember starting back in '87 with the first cartoon show. I started reading the IDW Turtles comics a couple years ago and now I've read through all the IDW collections and just caught up to the current releases. I thoroughly enjoyed the previous 150 issues, but I also love what Jason Aaron has done with the new series. It's interesting seeing a darker take on the Turtles where maybe things didn't work out the way everyone would have liked, yet they can still regroup and come together as a family in the end. It's definitely a story I'll remember but I'm also excited to see where Gene Luen Yang is going to take us next. I'm happy to see Master Splinter back and I look forward to seeing how the Turtles will react when the truth behind Ujigami is revealed. I've been enjoying the spin-off series as well. As a big fan of Casey Jones, I'm glad to see him get the spotlight in his own series and I'm interested to see where that story goes. Regarding the Shredder series, it's always interesting to follow the villains and view things from a different perspective and I think his focus on blades and seeming disdain for technology fits the character really well. On the lighter side, the *Saturday Morning Adventures* series really captures those nostalgic Turtle vibes that I remember from my childhood. I'm enjoying the whole series but I have to shout out Dan Schoening's art in particular. If you removed the speech bubbles and just showed me a panel, you could've fooled me that it was a still frame from the old cartoon. Anyway, I just wanted to write to thank you for all the great work you're doing with the Turtles. Keep it up! Turtle Power!

Joey R.

Hey, Joey! Thank you for shouting out the spin-off series. We're always excited when the fans can't get enough Turtle action and pick up all the incredible stories we're telling on the outskirts of the mainline title. To the non-Joey's out there, if you haven't read any of the series mentioned here (and we think Joey hyped them up very well), go grab the trades at your local comic shop! We've got our Shredder solo series going strong as well as our Casey Jones miniseries that will have its epic finale with issue #6! There's also *TMNT: Saturday Morning Adventures* if you're feeling silly and nostalgic!

Dear IDW Publishing team!

My name is Violet and I'm 15 years old. I have always loved comic books and superheroes and around 2 years ago I absolutely fell headfirst in love with the turtles as I stumbled across the classics like *The Last Ronin*, the IDW run, and how could I forget the original TMNT comics by Eastman and Laird. Through Leonardo's leadership, Donatello's smarts, Raphael's anger, and of course Mikey's natural charisma, all I could do was binge every iteration of TMNT whether it was the movies, shows, and of course my personal favourite the IDW comics. I loved the first 12 issues of Jason Aaron's run and I am totally loving it with Gene and Freddie. Thank you guys so much for continuing such an incredible and beautiful comic that has brought so much laughter, light and love to my heart while I read about my four favourite green machines.

Violet

Thank you for the kind words, Violet! Would you say Donatello is your favorite, Violet? Because Violet is...purple. You get it! We appreciate you and everyone who has read through our series and all past TMNT series. We're approaching 300 mainline TMNT issues in the 40-plus-year history! That's a lot of comics over quite a long time (that's like 2½ Violets!), so thanks for continuing to stick with us. You're why we do this!

Speaking of 300 mainline issues of TMNT, we'll be hitting that milestone with issue #20 of this series, and we've got **BIG THINGS** planned! All-star covers! A trip down memory lane! The start of our all-new epic story, "The City That Never Dies"! So get excited and let your local shop know you want to join in on the shellebration! But for now, make sure to check out issue #18 next month for the epic conclusion to the Ujigami saga! How will the Turtles handle having a dad who's a skeleton and having a dad who's a teenager? No seriously—if you know, you'd be a huge help right now.

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THE CITY THEY LOVE JUST TURNED AGAINST THEM.

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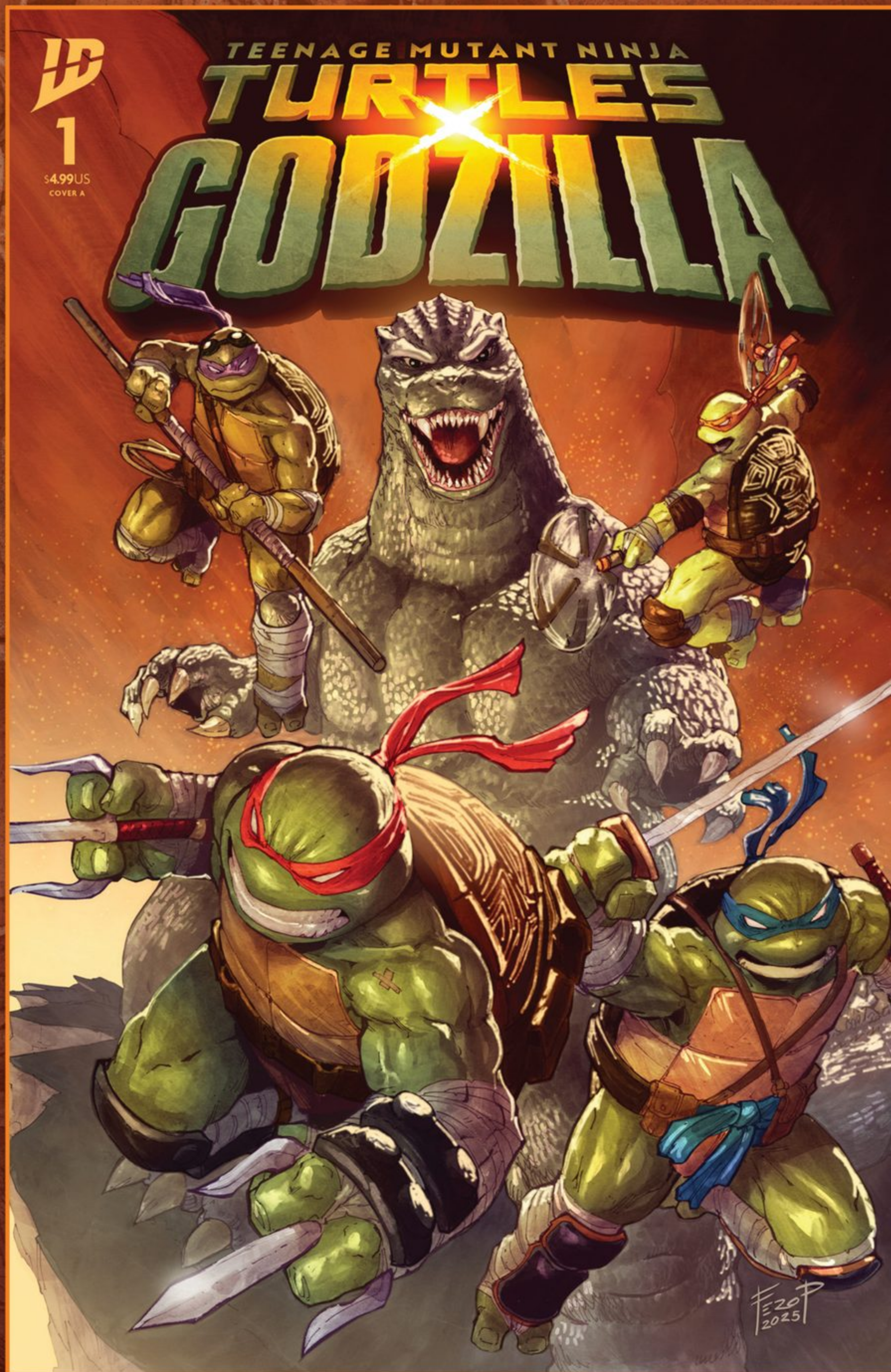
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THE BATTLE FANS NEVER THOUGHT THEY'D SEE!**



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Greetings, Earthlings!

This is a special message from Alien Books HQ beaming directly into your eyeballs!

Now, you might be wondering...who or what is Alien Books and why am I reading about it in the back of this fantastic IDW Publishing comic magazine? Well, for anyone who's not familiar with us, we've gone ahead and broken it all down:

1. **Alien Books** is a publisher that focuses on offbeat comics and stories from around the world.
2. **Alien Books** titles include the Valiant Comics superhero line, new and classic manga, licensed properties like Zorro and Tarzan, and creator-owned series!
3. **Alien Books** has teamed up with IDW Publishing to bring all of our amazing titles to the shelves of your local comic shop and bookstore!

Got it? Good!

You've likely already seen some of our Valiant Beyond titles in the IDW catalog over the past year, and we hope you've checked them out.

And if you haven't yet, there's still time! Valiant Beyond is designed to be ultra-accessible to both new and longtime comic readers, and we've got big plans in store for wrapping up the first year of this new universe. So make sure you jump on board today with new issues of ALL-NEW HARBINGER, TALES OF THE SHADOWMAN, THE X-O MANOWAR, and BLOODSHOT, available monthly at your LCS!

Are superheroes not quite your speed? Starting this summer, you'll see all-new and ultra-exciting series like ZORRO by Howard Chaykin and Jorge Fornés, TARZAN BEYOND by Steve Orlando and Renato Guedes, and ZORRO'S LEGACY by Dan Abnett and Aaron Lopresti arrive in shops.

These amazing creators will each be putting their own unique spin on these classic franchises, and we promise this is only the very beginning of what we have planned for this year. Expect much more from us, including anthology mags featuring stories by legendary Argentine creator Juan Giménez, exciting new manga titles like BADDUCKS, omnibus editions of classic Valiant series, and more!

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